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SRI T. T. DANIEL: May I know whether there is any difficulty, so far as the Government are concerned, to extend this facility to the mufassal students?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: Sir, the difficulty would be that the postal orders would have to be sent by post and then the postal orders will have to be endorsed. In many cases there are likely to be defective endorsements and all that would lead to difficulties for students. That is why the procedure of regular payment into the treasury has been adopted.

Nylon Nets

* 667 Q.—SRI T. S. RAMASWAMI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(a) the total value of Nylon nets and yarn supplied to fishermen in the Kanyakumari district in 1960; and

(b) the nature of concessions given by the Government to the fishermen in this regard?

THE HON. SRIMATHI LOURDHAMMAL SIMON: (a) Four hundred and fifty pounds of Kenlon brand nylon twine valued at Rs. 4,200 were supplied to the fishermen of Kanyakumari district during 1960.

(b) The usual subsidy of 33-1/3 per cent was allowed on the cost of the above twine. The net cost of the material (i.e., the value of the yarn sold at 66-2/3 per cent of the cost price) is recoverable in 18 monthly instalments spread over a period of two years, excepting for three months in a year during the off-season.

Meeladi Nabi

* 668 Q.—SRI A. A. RASHEED: Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state the reason for not declaring Meeladi Nabi as a Government holiday for the year 1961?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: In accordance with the recommendation of the Pay Commission, the number of holidays has been reduced. According to this scheme, a general holiday has been declared for Bakrid but not for Meeladi Nabi. In addition three optional holidays for religious purposes have been allowed, and those desirous of taking a holiday on Meeladi Nabi also can avail themselves of this facility.

Tuberculosis Chemotherapy Centre, Madras

MR. SPEAKER: As the hon. Member, who gave notice of question No. 669 is not in his seat, the question and answer will be printed in the proceedings.

* 669 Q.—SRI K. SATTANATHA KARAYALAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) the number of International Experts provided by W.H.O. during 1960 for the Tuberculosis Chemotherapy Centre, Madras;

(*b*) the nature of assistance received from them; and

(*c*) the amount provided and spent for Tuberculosis Chemotherapy Projects from the regular Budget and from the Technical Assistance Budget?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : (*a*) Six personnel, of which one was withdrawn on 30th June 1960.

(*b*) The W.H.O. provides International Experts to man the Tuberculosis Chemotherapy Centre and also certain equipment and supplies including vehicles.

(*c*) The amount spent on the project and financed from the expanded programme of Technical Assistance for the calendar year 1959 was $84,109. The anticipated budget expenditure for 1960 is $91,220. Nothing has been spent on the project from the regular budget.

N.G.Os. (Kanyakumari district)

* 670 *Q.*—SRI T. T. DANIEL : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether a memorandum has been submitted to the Government recently by the N.G.Os. Association, Kanyakumari district;

(*b*) what are the main demands contained in the Memorandum; and

(*c*) the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) The main demands in the memorandum were—

(i) clarification regarding the application of Madras Revised Scales of Pay Rules, 1960, in respect of the persons allotted from the former Travancore-Cochin State;

(ii) to pass orders to the effect that the pay of the allottee lower division clerks who have put in similar number of years of services should not be fixed below that of their counter-parts in Madras; and

(iii) to promote lower division clerks who have reached maximum in the time-scale of pay as upper division clerks so as to give them a chance of periodical increase in their present emoluments.

(*c*) A reply was given to the Secretary, the Tamil Nad N.G.Os. Union, Madras, in Government Letter No. 81334/Spl-1/60-2, dated 14th September 1960, covering all the points and explaining the position.

SRI T. T. DANIEL : May I know whether the Government have passed an order revising the scale of pay of the N.G.Os. on the basis of the report of the Pay Commission and may I also know whether the Government have recently passed an order that the dearness allowance which the N.G.Os. have got according to